

**EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**Martin Middle School**

**111 Brown Street**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

**Special School Committee Meeting**

**November 21, 2006**

**Open Session**

**Chairman Gouveia called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. All members were present: Robert Faria, Eileen Lovett, David Medeiros, Mildred Morris and Antone Gouveia. Also present: Dr. Jacqueline Forbes, Superintendent of Schools and Andrew Thomas, Esq.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Morris to move to Executive Session in accordance with RI General Laws, Section 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel, (a) (2) Litigation, seconded by Mr. Medeiros. Vote 5-0.**

**The School Committee reconvened open session at 7:00PM. A motion was made by Mrs. Morris to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Medeiros. Vote 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Morris to seal the minutes of the Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Lovett. Vote 5-0.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Faria. Mrs. Morris presented Chairman Gouveia with an engraved gavel on the occasion of his last School Committee meeting. He was also presented with a “Townie” Red hoodie by Mrs. Lovett on behalf of the School Committee.**

**High School Principal Interviews were held: Mario Andrade, Elizabeth Legault, Raymond Lombardo.**

**Mr. Gouveia thanked everyone; it has been an honor and a joy to serve in the capacity of Chairman; his true personal heroes are the students and he will continue to advocate for them**

**Although a recount is pending, this will probably be his last meeting.**

**Report of Superintendent and Staff – Dr. Forbes**

**Personnel Recommendations – Diane Rodericks presented the personnel items:**

**Appointments**

**Robert Rodericks, Jr. Wrestling Coach, RMS**

**Kristen Coutoulakis Student Council Advisor, MMS**

**Valarie Lawson Advisor, Model Legislature, HS**

**Motion: Morris/Second: Medeiros. Vote 5-0.**

## **Retirement**

**Eleanor Crombie (25 Years) Bus Assistant, Effective 12/20/06**

**Motion: Morris/Second: Medeiros. Vote 5-0.**

## **Leave of Absence**

**Peter G. Barilla, Jr. Maintenance Dept. – 1 Year – Effective 11/16/06**

**Dr. Forbes recommended that the School Committee approve the following individual contracts, which were discussed and voted on in Executive Session:**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Diane Rodericks, Interim Human Resources Director**

**Raymond Linneman, Supervisor of Transportation**

**Peter G. Barilla, Director of Buildings and Grounds**

**William Capron, Controller**

**Sharon, Waterman, Director of Special Education**

**Edward Daft, Assistant Superintendent**

**Mr. Gouveia commented that all of the contracts reflect a 10% healthcare co-pay (total cost approximately \$1259 per year) and an annual raise of 2.75%. All management members are now all co-paying healthcare). A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to approve the contracts, seconded by Mrs. Morris. Roll call vote: Mr. Faria aye; Mrs. Lovett, aye; Mr. Medeiros, aye; Mrs. Morris, aye; Mr. Gouveia, aye.**

**Mr. Rodericks spoke as the senior administrator in the School Department, thanked Mr. Gouveia for his support of students and families and welcomed Mr. Steven Santos to the Committee and pledged to work with him. Mr. Rodericks also related that all central office personnel are the only group with no association representation; forming a Central Office Management Association as they have concerns about comments made in the community and the fact that city employees co-pay health insurance at \$520 per year while school administrators are paying double that amount.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Morris to move back to Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Lovett. Vote 5-0.**

**The School Committee reconvened at 10:15PM. A motion was made by Mrs. Morris to seal the minutes of the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Medeiros. Vote 5-0.**

**Mr. Gouveia explained that it was a very difficult decision because of the quality of the candidates; thanked screening committee and his colleagues on the School Committee.**

**Dr. Forbes recommended that the School Committee approve the appointment of Elizabeth Legault to the position of Principal of East Providence High School. A motion was made by Mr. Faria, seconded by Mr. Medeiros. Roll call vote: Mr. Faria, aye; Mrs. Lovett, aye; Mr.**

**Medeiros, aye; Mrs. Morris, aye; Mr. Gouveia, aye.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to adjourn at 10:20PM, seconded by Mr. Faria. Vote 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia Iannelli, Executive Secretary**

**David A. Medeiros, Clerk of the Committee**